

Torrance, California
May 27, 1942

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Wednesday, May 27, 1942 at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: Cucci.

Being an adjourned meeting the regular order of business was dispensed with.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, and John E. McCall, City Attorney, recommending that the contract for paving the center strip on Cabrillo Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Carson Street be awarded to the W. P. Powell Paving Company of Los Angeles for the unit bid prices proposed in his bid of May 26, 1942.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract for paving the center strip on Cabrillo Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Carson Street be awarded to the W. P. Powell Paving Company of

Los Angeles for the unit bid prices proposed in the bid opened May 26, 1942, in compliance with the recommendation of Engineer Jain and Attorney McCall, and that all other bids be rejected and checks and bonds returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

A communication was read from C. Z. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, requesting an appropriation of \$100.00 for repairing body on Bus No. 101, to be repaired by the Crown Carriage Works in Los Angeles.

A communication was read from C. Z. Ward, Manager, Municipal Bus Lines, requesting the City Council to instruct the City Attorney to start proceedings to collect \$100.00 damages from Mr. C. D. Phillips, 318 West 83rd Street, Los Angeles, who was involved in an accident with Bus No. 101 at the intersection of 120th and Figueroa Streets.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of Mr. Ward be complied with and that the City Attorney be instructed to start proceedings to collect \$100.00 damages from Mr. C. D. Phillips, 318 West 83rd Street, Los Angeles, who was involved in an accident with Bus No. 101 at the intersection of 120th and Figueroa Streets. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Babcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 be made for repairing the body on Bus No. 101, to be repaired by the Crown Carriage Works in Los Angeles. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

A communication was read from C. Ed Jones, requesting permission to operate a used car lot at 1611-13 Cabrillo Avenue in the City of Torrance, to be known as Soldrite System Auto Sales.

Clerk Bartlett advised that a license fee of \$120.00 is established by ordinance for the used car business, a bond in the amount of \$2,000.00 is required, and an investigation and recommendation by the Chief of Police is required.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of C. Ed Jones for permission to operate a used car lot at 1611-13 Cabrillo Avenue in the City of Torrance be referred to the Chief of Police.

Chief Stroh reported that he had investigated this request and could see no objection to the granting of the license.

Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his motion.

Councilman Powell moved that C. Ed Jones be granted a license to operate a used car business at 1611-13 Cabrillo Avenue, to be known as Soldrite System Auto Sales, provided Mr. Jones complies in every respect to the Ordinance pertaining to operation of the used car business. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett advised he had been unable to date to gather any information as to approximate cost of the Band appearance at the General MacArthur Day Ceremonies scheduled for June 13, 1942.

Councilman Babcock moved that a bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 be executed on behalf of John E. McMaster, Local Property Officer in charge of all loans of Office of Civilian Defense equipment for

the City of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Chief Stroh reported that the City of Torrance is scheduled to receive three hundred nine gas masks for distribution to Civilian Defense Workers. He read a list of distribution of the masks. He stated further that three men will be trained for instructing persons in proper use of gas masks. One man, he added, will be sent from the Police Department, one man from the Fire Department, and another man, possibly from the Air Raid Division, to receive this training.

Chief Stroh mentioned that all gas masks assigned to the City of Torrance will eventually be returned to the Government, each mask bearing identifying number.

It was suggested that Mr. Jack Hallanger appoint a member of the Air Raid division to receive the training mentioned by Chief Stroh, or, if Mr. Hallanger appoints no one, Mr. Dale Riley of the Recreation Department was mentioned as a reliable person to train for this work.

Chief Stroth invited the Mayor and Council to attend a meeting May 28, 1942 at 3:45 P.M. in the office of the Board of Supervisors in Los Angeles to hear an address by Mr. Landis.

At 5:37 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned.

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

Tom F. McGuire
Mayor of the City of Torrance